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Bombers CEO Garth Buchko holds an oversized lottery scratch ticket. Buchko believes selling out the 750,000 tickets is just one way the team can become the most financially successful club in the CFL. DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

Bombers aim for No. 1 ... in the pocketbook

Diminishing Rider pride? Riders admit the Blue and Gold could surpass them financially

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Look out Saskatchewan Roughriders, because the Winnipeg Blue Bombers are looking to take over as the most financially successful team in the CFL.

The Bombers announced their new Winnipeg Blue Bombers Scratch Lottery on Wednesday. It is the first scratch lottery in CFL history, and just one of a number of initiatives that the Bombers have come up with in an effort to create more revenue.

CEO Garth Buchko said initiatives like this, along with the stadium, are there to make the Bombers the most financially successful club in the CFL.

"That's our goal," said Buchko. "We have a number of different revenue initiatives that will be rolled out shortly. We need to generate multiple revenue streams and this is just one of them."

Buchko says that if all the 750,000 lottery tickets being produced sell out, it will be a financial windfall for the club.

"It will be in the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars if we sell out the lottery," he said.

The tickets for the new lottery will be $5, and the Bombers hope that lottery players choose to support the club when they buy their scratch tickets.

"It's a way that Bomber fans can vote with their money and just support the football club."

The lottery will feature two grand prizes of $100,000 and will also feature an online component where contestants can win "fan experiences."

These include things like dinner with players and the chance to sit in on a Bombers team meeting.

The Roughriders vice-president of sales, Steve Mazurak, said, "The Bombers are taking the bull by the horns, but we are happy for them. They will be the envy of community-owned teams.

"Our stadium is the only thing holding us back. Winnipeg could definitely surpass us."

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Prison TV

Inmates caught watching porn: Manitoba Tory

Inmates in a Manitoba jail watched hardcore pornography and when a guard shut off the TV, they simply turned it back on, a Manitoba politician said Wednesday.

"It was explicit sex, full-frontal nudity," said Kelvin Goertzen, the justice critic for the Progressive Conservatives.

Goertzen said he was surprised during a tour of the Milner Ridge Correctional Centre on Jan. 9, when he came across a group of about 10 inmates watching porn on a TV in a common area of the jail's high-risk section. "I pointed this out to the superintendent at the time. He tried to take pretty quick action in terms of shutting down the TV," Goertzen said during a debate over the Justice Department's budget details.

"The prisoners sort of looked back, were surprised that the TV was turned off ... and then turned it back on because they had the remote control."

The TV was shut off again and the incident ended, Goertzen added.

Goertzen's comments came as a surprise to Justice Minister Andrew Swan, who promised to stop any porn in jails. Jail inmates are normally allowed basic cable or satellite programming, funded by profits from the jail's canteen, Swan said.

Goertzen raised the issue on the same day federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews announced that he had stopped pornographic TV programs at a federal prison in Springhill, N.S.

In that case, it appears the prison's cable package had been upgraded and one of four new channels showed pornography overnight, according to an email from Toews' office.

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Detours. Road closures due to continued construction

Continued construction work on major projects means drivers will have to find alternate routes to the Disraeli Bridge and William Avenue this weekend.

From 6 p.m. on Friday until 6 a.m. on Monday, a portion of William Avenue, from the corner of Sherbrook Street to the edge of the Diagnostic Imaging Building construction site, will be closed.

Adult emergency and children's emergency will not be affected during this closure, the City of Winnipeg said in a press release.

However, a detour will be in place as traffic will not be able to turn west from Sherbrook onto William. Signs will be in place to direct traffic to emergency via McDermot, Tecumseh and William.

For the second weekend, the two southbound lanes of the Disraeli Bridge over the Red River will be closed. The lanes will re-open to traffic at 6 a.m. Monday. Suggested alternate routes are Hespeler Avenue and the Redwood Bridge towards Main Street, and west on Johnson Avenue to Levis and Stadacona streets to the Louise Bridge, which leads to Higgins Avenue. METRO

WPS. Arrest in killing of man with alleged gang ties

An arrest has been made in connection with the 2011 slaying of a man police say was associated with a Winnipeg street gang.

Mohamed Ali Omar, 28, was shot dead outside the Lincoln Motor Inn on McPhillips Street, while with what police described at the time as "a group of associates," around 4:40 a.m. on Oct. 30. A 17-year-old boy who was also with the group was shot, but he survived.

On May 8, Winnipeg police arrested 26-year-old Abdul Bangura and charged him with second-degree murder and attempted murder.

While a friend of Omar told Metro last November the father of four had long since broken ties with the African Mafia, police said Wednesday both the victim and the accused were associated with a Winnipeg street gang. But WPS homicide's Sgt. Ross Read stopped short of saying the killing was gang related. "I cannot confirm that it is a gang-related homicide," he said.

Homicide detectives continue to investigate. Read didn't rule out the possibility of further arrests. Bangura has been detained in the Provincial Remand Centre. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Teen entrepreneurs unite heritage and e-commerce

Competition. Two city high schools in finals

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It's more than just business as usual for two Winnipeg high schools chosen to compete in the E-Spirit National Aboriginal Youth Business Plan Competition to be held in the city next week.

A team from Sisler High School and six squads from Children of the Earth High School will take part in the 12th annual Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) competition.

"The goal is to provide an awareness of entrepreneurship and e-commerce and expose aboriginal youth across Canada to the process of business planning," explained BDC's Cheryl Watson.

Fifty-seven teams made up of Grade 10 to 12 students from across Canada were chosen out of 165 that entered. The finalists meet May 15 to 17 to present before judges. The top-three teams will share nearly $3,000 in cash prizes.

Children of the Earth High School has been involved in the competition since it began. This year, the school's six teams have hatched ideas that include a colouring book about aboriginal heritage and housing for students travelling from reserves to the city for school.

"They get a lot of really good life skills by participating in this and it's a perfect fit for our school's business program," said the teams' mentor and teacher, Leigh Brown.

This marks the second time Sisler High School has taken part. This year the school will market cupcakes baked in a process respecting the seven sacred teachings.

"We use all-natural ingredients to show respect towards out customers' bodies," explained 16-year-old team member Phoenix Campbell.

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Sisler High School students Phoenix Campbell, 16, left, and Skyler Cruly, 17, will take their business idea "Cupcake Creations" to the finals of the E-Spirit National Aboriginal Youth Business Plan Competition held in Winnipeg May 15 to 17. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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On the web

These toys are locked and loaded

Gun parts and ammunition found hidden inside a child's stuffed animals at a Rhode Island airport are said to be related to a nasty custody battle. U.S. transportation agents found the items on Monday when a man and his four-year-old son went through security at T.F. Green Airport. Read the full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news

In an eat-your-veggies-before-dessert-style incentive program, video-game makers have created a pilot project that forces kids to get active before they get gaming. Scan the code to read about what's being billed as the first online game to use kids' daily activity as its sole power source.

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Job cuts. Wheat Board layoffs are a blow to downtown: Martin

Roughly 300 of the Canadian Wheat Board's (CWB) head-office staff in Winnipeg will be laid off, and Winnipeg City Centre MP Pat Martin says it is not only a tragedy for those who will be laid off, but also one for Winnipeg's downtown.

"This is a huge blow to the corporate community of Winnipeg," said Martin, an avid CWB supporter. "It just hollows out the central business district."

Martin said the CWB will likely have to move to a smaller building, as it will not be able to sustain its offices at 426 Main St.

"I can't imagine them staying there with the newly structured wheat board. We already lost Canwest (Global) downtown, which was a terrible blow, and now we are going to lose this.

"Recently it has been nothing but good news for downtown, but it always seems like one step forward and two steps back."

The axe is swinging monthly at the CWB as the agency moves to cut about three-quarters of its staff after losing its monopoly over western wheat and barley sales.

"We indicated right from the beginning of the planning process that the Canadian Wheat Board would be a much smaller entity, would need to right-size its staff complement ... now that CWB no longer markets all the wheat and barley from Western Canada," spokesperson Maureen Fitzhenry said Wednesday.

Fitzhenry said jobs are being cut every month. The number of employees will be down to 288 by the end of May and will drop to about 100 by the end of the year. There were 430 people on the payroll, mainly at the headquarters in Winnipeg, at the beginning of 2011. **DAVE BAXTER/METRO**

Monopoly lost

- The cuts follow the federal government's decision last year to make the government-backed but farmer-controlled agency a voluntary route for producers, ending a six-decade-long monopoly.

Deaths. There's still work to be done in cancer fight

A report released Wednesday shows nearly 100,000 lives have been saved due to declining cancer rates in Canada over the last 20 years, but the fight isn't over yet, according to the Canadian Cancer Society's Manitoba Division.

"The cancer-death rate is down in the four major cancers — prostate, breast cancer, colorectal cancer and lung cancer," said the organization's tobacco-advocacy co-ordinator, Will Cooke. "But it's still the No. 1 killer of Manitobans. There's still a lot of work that has to be done, and a lot of investment that has to be made."

The 2012 Canadian Cancer Statistics Report, released by the Canadian Cancer Society in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Statistics Canada, shows that between 1988 and 2007 overall death rates dropped by 21 per cent in men and nine per cent in women.

Cooke attributes the smaller decline in women's death rates to the fact women didn't start quitting smoking until more than 20 years after men generally began kicking the habit back in the 1960s.

Cancer survivor Victor Morello hopes the trend to quit smoking continues. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Smoking rates have dropped from 61 per cent in 1965 to 20 per cent in 2010 for men in Canada and from 38 per cent to 14 per cent for Canadian women over the same time.

In Manitoba, 21 per cent of both men and women still smoke today, and Victor Morello, a volunteer driver for the Canadian Cancer Society's transportation service who survived smoking-induced cancer, says that has to change.

"Once you start smoking you're in trouble, so don't smoke," he said. "It's that simple."

Go to cancer.ca for more information on the report or to volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society's Manitoba Division. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

Green goods

Annual compost-bin sale taking place Saturday

The annual one-day sale of compost bins and rain barrels, sponsored by the City of Winnipeg, takes place this Saturday, rain or shine.

For sale is the Earth Machine compost bin, valued at $100, for the reduced price of $30 each. The 208-litre rain barrel, valued at $120, is on sale for $50 each.

Items can be purchased using major credit cards, debit cards and cheques (payable to Norseman Plastics). All sales are final.

The sale runs from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., while quantities last, at four locations.

The city said more than 43,000 compost bins have been sold since the annual one-day sale began in 2002.

Composting experts will be at each of the sale locations to answer questions.

For information on composting, call the Green Action Centre Composting Infoline at 925-3777 or visit greenactioncentre.ca.

More information on the one-day sale is available by calling 311. **METRO**

Youths involved

Former police officer pleads guilty to 11 counts of sexual assault

Just as his trial was to begin, former Winnipeg police officer Richard Dow has pleaded guilty to 11 counts of sexual assault.

Two of the charges involved youths.

Dow was found not guilty last week of sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in 2000.

Dow, who is 58, ran a modelling agency on the side and the woman was an aspiring model.

He served 18 years on the force before retiring in 2007.

On Monday, he had entered not-guilty pleas on the other charges, but that was changed to guilty on Tuesday. **CJOB/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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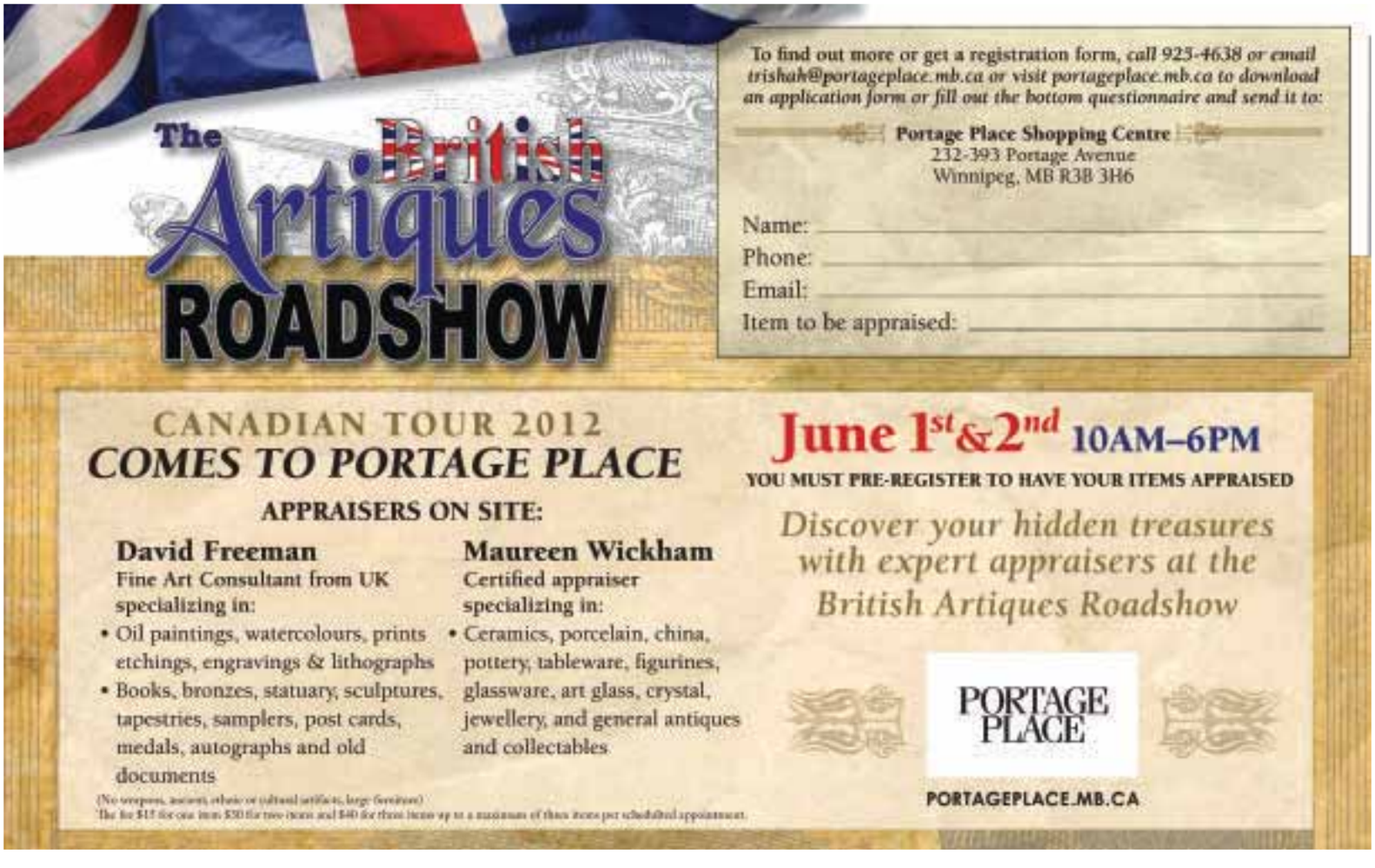
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Chanel, 39, has a good life! A vice-president of a consulting firm in Vancouver, she makes $125,000 a year and lives in a two-storey condominium downtown. While she works very hard – 60 hour weeks are not unusual – she rewards herself handsomely. She drives a new car, dines out frequently, and loves to travel as often as she can.

Chanel uses her *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite* cash back credit card to pay for as many of her monthly purchases as possible. Not only does she earn cash back for every dollar spent on her card[1], but her *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite* card also provides exclusive access to travel[2], cultural and dining opportunities, as well as a complimentary concierge[3] service. For the past few years, she's taken advantage of the special travel packages created exclusively for VISA Infinite cardholders.

Last year, it was Mexico. This spring, she'll have VIP guest status at a luxurious beach resort in Maui, Hawaii because she used her *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite* card to book the trip[2].

"I can't wait," says Chanel, who's had fun shopping for her trip and finally found a new bathing suit she liked. She's packing her golf clubs and tennis racket, and looking forward to the fantastic dining she's heard about at the resort too.

The *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite* card is the only reward card that Chanel uses, and she uses the card whenever she can. She recognizes the benefit of only using one credit card to maximize her cash back rewards. The card provides 4 per cent cash back at gas stations and grocery stores, 2 per cent cash back at drugstores and recurring bill payments, and 1 per cent cash back on all other purchases[1]. While there's an annual fee of $99[4], Chanel says the return and the time saving factor from the complimentary concierge service is more than worth it. In fact, with the cash back reward she gets every year, she could pay for the card many times over.

Last year, the card gave her more than $700 cash back, and she's using the money to help pay for her trip to Hawaii. "It doesn't get any better than that!"

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Rebecca Nichols, aunt of slain Victoria (Tori) Stafford, speaks to the media Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crown says 25 bits of evidence doom Rafferty

Tori Stafford trial. If the jury rules out McClintic's story, there are other damning clues, lawyer says

The charges

Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Will the evidence of drug-addled, violent, lying Terri-Lynne McClintic be enough to convince the jury her boyfriend is guilty of killing Victoria (Tori) Stafford? Maybe not, the Crown admitted Wednesday.

There is no question that McClintic's testimony was flawed, the Crown told the jury at Michael Rafferty's trial.

But there are at least 25 other pieces of evidence that confirm her story.

McClintic, who had already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in eight-year-old Tori's death, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl for him, then sexually assaulted the child.

McClintic testified she then snapped and killed Tori.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury in London, Ont., to consider what McClintic told police all along — that Rafferty killed the girl.

Gowdey suggested that McClintic's version of events in which she flew into a rage at seeing Rafferty rape Tori was less credible.

But it doesn't matter, he said, whether Rafferty killed Tori or McClintic did.

They both worked together and they both knew Tori would never be returned to her home in Woodstock, Ont.

Rafferty's lawyer has suggested McClintic masterminded the whole murder scheme, that there was no sexual assault and that Rafferty was just a mere bystander to his twisted girlfriend's plot.

"If you're making all this up against Mr. Rafferty, the horrified, unsuspecting witness, why would she choose to make up details like these that all were independently confirmed?" Gowdey asked the jury.

He rattled off a list of 25 things he said were independently confirmed through surveillance video, receipts and other evidence.

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Accommodation rates to go up ... in prison

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is taking his tough-on-crime campaign a step further by making prison inmates pay more for room and board behind bars.

He said Wednesday that Corrections Canada will also eliminate incentive pay for convicts who work in prison shops, and will turn the running of all prison canteens over to inmates.

Other changes will streamline the way prisoners purchase products from the outside and make them cover all the costs of their telephone calls.

Toews said the changes will save taxpayers $10 million a year.

Prisoners now pay up to $25 a week for room and board, depending on how much they earn in the various prison programs.

The change means that prisoners on the high end of the pay scale will have to pay 30 per cent of their income toward their keep.

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Latest figures

Cancer's death toll declining

The death toll from cancer in Canada is on the decline, the Canadian Cancer Society says.

One factor — lung cancer — is killing fewer Canadian men than it did in earlier decades, the agency says.

About 100,000 lives have been saved in 20 years because of the declining cancer rate, it says.

There have been advances in treatments for several types of cancer, meaning more Canadians are surviving prostate, breast and colorectal cancer as well as for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, said Gillian Bromfield, the cancer society's director of cancer-control policy.

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Officer's testimony

Were paramedics told to back off?

A retired Quebec judge accused of killing his wife asked paramedics not to try to revive her, his murder trial revealed.

Jacques Delisle said his wife killed herself and wanted to die, a police officer told the Quebec City court.

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Ex-judge Jacques Delisle
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Assault

Man, 50, accused of slashing teen

A 50-year-old man is facing several charges after a 13-year-old girl was allegedly slashed across the neck and back in midtown Toronto.

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Immigration bill

Kenney changing refugee bill

The Tory government proposed amendments to a controversial new refugee bill Wednesday.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said he was prompted to introduce changes to Bill C-31 by months of outrage from refugee-advocacy groups and opposition critics.

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Plane lost over Indonesia

A new Russian-made passenger plane went missing over mountains in western Indonesia while on a demonstration flight Wednesday arranged for potential buyers. Fifty people were on board, including diplomats, businesspeople and journalists.

Search-and-rescue teams were deployed to the area just south of the capital, Jakarta, said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the Ministry of Transportation. He said more than 100 people were still searching the rugged, forested terrain after darkness fell. Bad weather, however, forced at least two helicopters to turn back.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100, Russia's first new passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union, took off from the Halim Perdanakusuma Airport for what was supposed to be a quick test flight — the second of the day.

It dropped off the radar just 21 minutes later, shortly after the crew asked air-traffic control for permission to drop from 3,000 metres to 1,800 metres, said the chief of the national search-and-rescue agency. They didn't explain the change of course, he said.

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Same-sex couples should be able to marry, says Obama

Controversial stance. Obama is the first U.S. president to publicly support gay marriage

Barack Obama made history Wednesday as he became the first U.S. president to throw his support behind same-sex marriage, a hot-button social issue for many of his fellow Americans as a general election looms.

"I've just concluded that, for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," Obama said in an hastily arranged interview with ABC News.

The interview came three days after Vice-President Joe Biden threw his own full support behind same-sex matrimony.

Obama said his previously "evolving" position has changed over the years as he's "talked to friends and family and neighbours, when I think about members of my own staff who are in incredibly committed monogamous relationships, same-sex relationships."

He also mentioned those serving in the military who are "fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained, even now that 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' is gone, because they are not able to commit themselves in a marriage."

Obama's wife, Michelle, also influenced his decision, he added.

"This is something that, you know, we've talked about over the years ... and she feels the same way that I do," Obama said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during a campaign rally at Ohio State University on Saturday in Columbus.
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Meanwhile, in the GOP ...

Romney responds

Mitt Romney says he believes marriage should be restricted to one man and one woman and that he's held that view "since running for office."

The presumptive Republican nominee for president on Wednesday called same sex-marriage "a very tender and sensitive topic" following President Barack Obama's unequivocal declaration of support for same-sex marriage.

Polls show the U.S. is evenly divided on the issue.

Romney says states should be able to decide whether to grant certain legal benefits to same-sex couples.

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"We are encouraging millions to photograph their daily life that will give millions of perspectives for immediate exploration and historic reflection," Ayperi Karabuda Ecer, editor-in-chief of Aday.org, told Metro.

This global event, lauded by luminaries such as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu and pop artist Robyn, will see millions of images generated for what organizers hope will give a "planetary message for the future."

"This will be an unprecedented mixture of capturing the energy of one single day with preserving it for generations to come," says Ecer, who is vice-president of pictures at Reuters and is on sabbatical leave for the Aday.org project.

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Group in charge of changes to e-suffixes moving past glitch

Change.com. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers targets May 22 to resume taking proposals

The organization overseeing a major expansion of Internet address suffixes hopes to resume taking proposals on May 22 following a technical glitch that shut down its computer system for weeks.

Last month, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) abruptly shut down a system for letting companies and organizations propose new suffixes, after it discovered a software glitch that exposed some private data. The data in some cases offered clues about which companies were proposing what suffixes — details that were supposed to be confidential. ICANN said it had no evidence that anyone intentionally viewed the data.

If it can accept proposals again as planned, the application window will run until May 30.

The original deadline was April 12, but ICANN shut down the system just hours before it was to close. At the time, ICANN planned to reopen the system within four business days. Instead, it found it needed more time to figure out why the software had failed and how to fix it. It also had to notify affected applicants.

Up to 1,000 domain-name suffixes — the ".com" part of an Internet address — could be added each year in the most sweeping change to the domain-name system since its creation in the 1980s.

From a technical standpoint, the names let Internet-connected computers know where to send email and locate websites. But they've come to mean much more.

The delay shouldn't have a major effect on the availability of new suffixes, as the new names won't appear in general use until at least next spring anyway — in many cases, much later.

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The idea

The idea behind the expansion is to let Las Vegas hotels, casinos and other attractions congregate around ".Vegas," or a company such as Canon Inc. to draw customers to "cameras.Canon" or "printers.Canon."

- The new system would also make Chinese, Japanese and Swahili versions of ".com" possible.

Protesting the pipeline

Martin Louie, a First Nations leader from Nadieh, B.C., leads scores of West Coast First Nations and supporters towards Enbridge's annual meeting of shareholders in Toronto Wednesday to denounce a proposed pipeline that would cross their territories. The Yinka-Dene Alliance argues the Northern Gateway project poses a threat to aboriginals' way of life by threatening waterways and ecosystems. Project opponents travelled from the West Coast aboard a "Freedom Train" to make their point in the country's financial heartland.

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BlackBerry. Smartphone maker gets U.S. patent

Research in Motion, the Waterloo, Ont.-based smartphone maker, has been granted a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an "angular keyboard for a handheld mobile communication device."

Submitted in January 2009, RIM's patent application outlined a newly designed smartphone keyboard with angled lines separating each key.

RIM said the unique keyboard makes it easier for users to type and increases accuracy.

The beleaguered company has been denying rumours that it's phasing keyboards out of its smartphone designs, in favour of flat front surfaces like Apple's iPhone.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins told media at the BlackBerry World conference in Orlando last week that RIM's new line of smartphones, to be installed with the forthcoming BlackBerry 10 operating system, will include models with and without keyboards.

"We won't lose the focus on physical keypads," Heins said.

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HUNGRY HOLLYWOOD

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Summer is almost here — and that means summer movie season has been underway for only 14 weeks.

That might seems counter-intuitive, but that's only because you don't think like a movie exec (sniffing a marker helps).

The reason that "summer" "films" start while you're getting over your New Year's hangover is, of course, that they make more money. Hollywood "event movies" attract more people willing to pay $13 ($47 with popcorn) because those films have a greater number of complex thematic elements involving explosions, car chases and bosoms.

So if you expand the summer to include months that aren't technically summer, you can expand on your explosions, and squeeze in more breasts and crash for cash.

This is vital to the modern movie exec because, as any trade publication will tell you, the movie industry is worse off financially than Greece. Attendance was down so far last year that insiders were comparing it to way back in — cross yourself if you're Christian — 1995.

Blockbusters

"They pull in crowds and often can save money by avoiding the services of a writer. Instead, a computer runs components of comedy, drama and pathos through a series of algorithms, then recommends a comic-book movie."

What with Hollywood's money woes, I expect George Clooney and Brad Pitt to be on the streets soon, putting down their bindles so they can throw rocks (and maybe the barrels they're wearing) at the Hollywood Riot Police. Somebody will say, "I'm getting too old for this" and Morgan Freeman will die one day before retirement.

So summer flicks are important. They pull in crowds and often can save money by avoiding the services of a writer. Instead, a computer runs components of comedy, drama and pathos through a series of algorithms, then recommends a comic-book movie.

The good news is this ploy usually saves the movie industry (and without a moment to spare!). The bad news is it will only be successful until 2024, when Hollywood will burn through the last possible remaining superhero adaptation (Aquaman III: War Seahorse).

It's a bad scene all around. If people stop going to the movies, they'll have to stop making them. Or stop paying actors $10 million a film — but that would be madness.

So, I beg of you, please go see all the summer flicks you can. If not for Hollywood, then for me.

You see, movies like The Avengers and Spider-Man and Battleship (Battleship?!) help keep the industry afloat so I can sit alone in theatres watching subtitled films that I pretend to understand. I'll accept your car chases and explosions and bosoms, if you'll accept my subtitles and nonsense scenes and, okay, bosoms.

Summer movie season keeps expanding even as I hope that movies will get smaller. Or as Hollywood puts it, "I'm getting too old for this."

The Avengers: Keeping Hollywood afloat one explosion at a time.
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Number of iPad users climbs

J PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orangutan friendly

They aren't just monkeying around

Experts who work with primates have been using sign language and other methods to communicate with apes for years. But with advancements in tablet computer technology, workers at Jungle Island in Miami are using iPads to better communicate with their orangutans, such as the one pictured above.

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Sound familiar?

"Our young ones pick up on it. They understand it. It's like, 'Oh, I get this' ... Our two older ones, they just are not interested. I think they just figure, 'I've gotten along just fine in this world without this communication skill here and the iPad, and I don't need a computer.'"

Linda Jacobs, who oversees the technology experiment at Miami's Jungle Island

Multi-touch

Intelligent mammals without voice boxes

Orangutans are extremely intelligent but limited by their physical inability to talk, said Linda Jacobs, who is head of the Miami-based program.

"They are sort of trapped in those bodies," Jacobs said. "They have the intelligence that they need to communicate, but they don't have the right equipment, because they don't have voice boxes or vocal cords."

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Tablet

Add 'tech savvy' to their resume

Scientist and conservationist Birute Mary Galdikas, founder of Orangutan Foundation International, said orangutans are among the most intelligent animals.

"IPads seem to work for humans. It's not surprising that orangutans, who share 97 per cent of their genetic material with humans, like them, too," Galdikas said.

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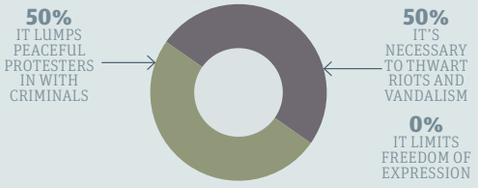

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@wpgpeanut: Anyone giving out free hugs today? I promise not to wipe my nose on your shirt.

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The Dusty Roads Band, featuring 8 Days in May, Eh! founder Dustin Harder, plays Le Garage Café on Saturday night. HANDOUT

‘Eh-amazing’ acts set for the 8 Days in May festival

8 Days in May, Eh!
Features more than 30 established and emerging indigenous artists

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“We’ve got one night where there’s experimental, gypsy and jazz music mixed with the hip-hop of Drezus, a local artist.”

Dustin Harder, festival founder and director

Festival season is here. The third annual 8 Days in May, Eh! Urban Gatherings runs until May 26 in various venues across the city.

The festival features more than 30 established and emerging indigenous artists, including local favourite Wab Kinew, 2010 Native American Music Award-winning rock band Segweh, 2012 Juno nominees Bruthers of Different Muthers and Arizona-based classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala.

“This year there are a lot more acts,” says festival founder/director Dustin Harder.

“Also, instead of it happening in the first two weeks of May we’re doing it over the weekends in May and because of growth we’ve actually added a special ninth day on May 26.”

Harder says that special bonus show — which takes place at the Marlborough Hotel’s Eton Hall — will surely be “eh-mazing.”

“Wab Kinew’s song Good Boy is currently number one on NCI-FM and it’s performed with Little Hawk (Troy Westwood) and Lorenzo,” Harder says. “They’ve never performed it live together but all three of them will perform on the 26th and they’ll be doing that song, amongst others.”

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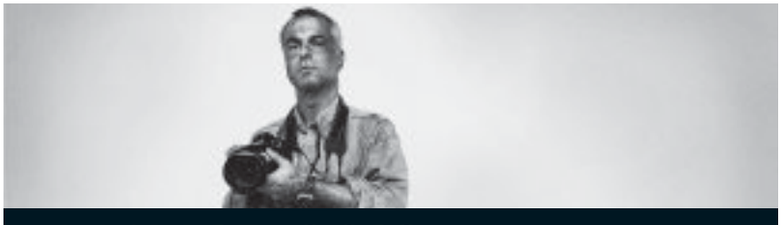
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Celebrity buzz

Hayley Attwell to star in new film

Hayley Atwell of Captain America: The First Avenger will be starring in a new film with a somewhat familiar title. Intandem Films said Wednesday that Atwell has been cast in 10 Things I Hate About Life, a romantic comedy to be written and directed by Gil Junger. Junger directed the hit 1999 movie 10 Things I Hate About You, which starred Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Intandem will produce 10 Things I Hate About Life with Mad Chance Productions, according to literary and talent agency APA.

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On the web

Ex-Village People lead singer wins legal battle to regain rights to Y.M.C.A.

Depp, Burton join forces once again for modern remake of classic vampire tale

Dark Shadows.
Veteran actor and director team up for the eighth time to bring popular '60s TV series to the big screen

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News Hollywood

Depp had to endure living with extra-long prosthetic fingernails throughout the film's shoot. HANDOUT

Aside from being a huge fan of the original 1960s TV series, there was another reason Johnny Depp was so keen to team up with Tim Burton for Dark Shadows, about a dysfunctional Maine family with a vampire patriarch. The star was troubled by the depiction of vampires thanks to the popularity of the Twilight series.

"I think it was during Sweeney Todd where I think I just blurted out in mid-conversation, 'God, maybe we should do a vampire movie together where you actually have a vampire that looks like a vampire,'" Depp recalls.

Depp and Burton — who have teamed up on eight films — share both an obvious affinity for each other as well as an appreciation for horror.

"As a child, I certainly had this fascination with monsters and vampires, as did Tim — whatever this darkness, this mystery, this intrigue," Depp explains. "And then, as you get older, you recognize the erotic nature of the vampire and the idea of the undead."

So what does a vampire look like, according to Depp? Pale skin and fangs, sure, but Depp also had to don elaborate prosthetics to give his fingers an extra joint, plus long fingernails.

"In every film that I've been lucky enough to do with Tim, there's always some form of torture, and the nails were Tim's idea," Depp says. "They were the length of the fingers and stuff, but it was OK because I had a troupe of people who would help me go to the bathroom. They had to have treatment afterwards, but they're OK now," he quips.

And there are those teeth. The film finds Depp's Barnabas Collins awakening in 1972 after being interred for 200 years. Obviously, he's a bit off-guard — but not nearly as much as the construction workers who find him.

"I felt as though I was biting one of the Village People," Depp says. "When you had the fangs in, you wanted to be a little bit careful that you didn't actually pierce the jugular, kind of like my experience shaving Alan Rickman (in Sweeney Todd) — which, by the way, neither of us want to do again — especially Alan."

Favourite role

It's not Jack Sparrow or Sweeney Todd

Over the course of his 28-year career, Johnny Depp has collected quite the array of oddball alter-egos. But what if could pick one to inhabit for the rest of his life? Would he go with the charming pirate, the menacing barber — or the stuffy vampire of Dark Shadows?

"Wow," he says, giving the idea some serious consideration. "Probably the Earl of Rochester." Depp is referring to a rather bold performance in his lesser-known 2004 film, The Libertine, in which he starred as John Wilmot, a 17th-century poet who famously drank and debauched his way to an early grave.

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Jonathan Frid

Barnabas made show a ratings hit

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This weekend, Tim Burton and Johnny Depp bring the long-dead gothic soap opera Dark Shadows to back to life.

The 1960s melodrama — which TV Guide included on its Top Cult Shows Ever list — hinged on the supernatural comings and goings at the Collins family's Maine estate.

Werewolves, zombies and witches all appeared, but it was Barnabas Collins, a lovesick vampire troubled by his immortal existence who brought in upwards of 20 million afternoon viewers during the show's heyday.

Collins, played by Canadian actor Jonathan Frid (who passed away last month at age 87), was the show's biggest star and the reason Depp, who resurrects the character in the movie, was also a big fan.

"Jonathan Frid was the reason I used to run home from school to watch Dark Shadows," he said.

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Richards, Sambora back together

Five years after splitting up, Richie Sambora and Denise Richards are back together, they confirm to Us Weekly. And it turns out Richards' recent adoption of a baby girl helped win Sambora over again.

"That is just a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful thing. When she did that, it just made me fall in love with her more," he says.

"It's such a beautiful thing to do. It's such a giving thing."

Richards also has two daughters, 8-year-old Sam and 6-year-old Lola, with ex-husband Charlie Sheen.

Justin Bieber

Biebs gets his diploma

Justin Bieber can add high-school graduate to his list of accomplishments, he tells the Daily Telegraph.

"I just finished high school," says Bieber, who managed to squeeze in time for classes and studying while on the road. "I passed my test. I'm free! It was hard doing school and work every day." So why was finishing school so important to the top-selling pop sensation? "(Getting my diploma) was something my mom really wanted me to do, so I had to do it for her," he says.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Christina's still a fighter

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You know The Voice has arrived in the world of reality TV when its feuding judges are making more headlines than the contestants. Jermaine Paul may have been crowned the winner Tuesday night, but all eyes were on Christina Aguilera.

Some called out Aguilera for being unreasonably harsh with contestant Tony Lucca — a fellow Mickey Mouse club alum — which reportedly led to problems with Lucca's mentor on the show, Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine.

"You could cut the tension with a knife," a source tells UsMagazine.com of Monday night's taping.

"Adam also talks a ton of s— about Christina and makes fun of her behind her back."

While Christina claims it's not personal and doesn't even remember Lucca from their Disney days, another Mouseketeer isn't so sure.

"Britney was in love with (Lucca). Christina was in love with him. Mylin was in love with him," Dale Godboldo tells TMZ. "All of this (Voice) madness was not brought on by Tony."

Christina reportedly apologized backstage to Lucca for the drama, but come on — this is the closest thing a child star has to walking into her high-school reunion looking hot. If she needs to spin around in her Voice space chair and pretend not to recognize the chubby quarterback begging for approval in front of her, we say go for it.

John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Another lawsuit filed against Travolta

A second unidentified man has filed a $2 million sexual battery suit against John Travolta, according to Radar Online. The new accusation centres on a massage session in an Atlanta hotel during which a naked Travolta allegedly behaved in a sexually aggressive and forceful manner.

The new accuser claims to have "substantial documentation and numerous witnesses regarding the substance of Travolta's actions," according to the lawsuit.

The second man is being represented by the same lawyer who brought forward another man's accusations late last week that the actor made unwanted sexual advances during a massage.

Travolta's lawyer calls the second lawsuit "as absurd and ridiculous as the first one."

Hoffman the hero

Dustin Hoffman jumped into action after seeing a jogger collapse in London from a heart attack, calling paramedics and staying by the man's side until he was OK, according to the Sun.

"Dustin was fascinated," a paramedic tells the newspaper. "He seemed impressed we'd got this guy back so quickly. When we were carrying the patient into the ambulance he walked up and said, 'Great job, guys.' He really appreciated what had happened."

As for the jogger?

"I have no memory of what happened," the man, Sam Dempster, says. "The paramedics told me I had been saved by Dustin Hoffman. It's unbelievable."

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Style in brief

Would you wear l'eau de Brad Pitt?

Brad Pitt is the new face of Chanel's No. 5 perfume. The French-based company announced Wednesday that the 48-year-old actor will star in an upcoming ad campaign for its signature women's scent. Other famous names who have been the face of Chanel include Catherine Deneuve, Nicole Kidman and Audrey Tautou. Chanel's founding designer, the late Coco Chanel, also modeled in ads in 1937 for what is now the company's oldest fragrance. It remains one of the world's top-selling perfumes. Pitt, once named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, is engaged to longtime companion Angelina Jolie.

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On the web

Beyond floral prints: Native New Yorker's innovative living dresses bring Central Park to North Dakota

There's No Doubt Stefani line will be a hit at Target

Dressing tweens. Stylish singer balances fun fashion with age-appropriate items in her new line for young girls

Gwen Stefani is no stranger to multitasking, juggling her music career — she's wrapping up a new album with No Doubt — and her fashion projects, which include the debut of the newest Harajuku Mini collection at Target next week.

But, Stefani says, it's her sons that mostly keep her on her toes. Some days, running Kingston, 6, and Zuma, 4, back and forth to school, doing homework and tucking them into bed seems to take up the biggest part of her day.

"I like to be with them whenever I can, of course," the 42-year-old singer-designer says. Her mother was very hands-on, and Stefani says that's what she's striving to do. Some of her favourite memories include wearing Holly Hobbie bonnets and velvet dresses with lace collars that her mother made for her.

"Growing up, I had a really amazing mom who was really creative. She made stuff for every holiday, and I learned how to sew. ... She has really good style — and I feel like my parents let me be creative — but they'd always check my skirt length," Stefani says.

Stefani has been designing her LAMB line for women for nine years, so, she says, this collaboration on a children's line came pretty easily because she knows the design and manufacturing process, has more ideas than she knows what to do with, and has learned to edit herself for a clear, consumer-friendly message.

Plus, how much fun is it to dress up grade-school girls?

"When I first started this line, I thought it was going to be for under 5, but Target wanted me to do the bigger girls, which is a really strange age," she says.

"They're so inspired by things they see, trying to find themselves, expressing themselves. They're influenced by friends, what they see on TV and the Internet. I thought it sounded like a big job but I've gotten into it."

The clothes, available in stores Monday, are a mix of the girlie frills and masculine silhouettes that Stefani says are staples of her own wardrobe.

And she's conscious of being age-appropriate.

"That part is challenging," she says, "but I think we've done a good job."

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Fashion wars

Stylish kids

While tween girls are willing to take style advice from Gwen Stefani, her sons have no problem saying "no," especially Kingston, who likes to pick out his own outfits any chance he gets because he wears a uniform to school. Mom still wins the fashion wars occasionally, though. "I do like to do a matching outfit at holiday time," she says.

Despite being a fashion icon, Gwen Stefani says her son Kingston loathes to take advice from mom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Phenomena

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Wear it anywhere other than your local basketball court and people will think, "What is this, the gym?"

The whole soccer hooligan thing. Have you never seen The Firm?

Create an inspiring office in a tiny space

Bright colours help liven up a small space. CONTRIBUTED

Home decor. Four ways to build a dedicated place to work in a small and urban apartment

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One of the biggest complaints full-time freelancers make about working at home is feeling like they're never able to leave the office — because it's literally in their living room.

While urban living often means small quarters, it's certainly possible to create a separate home office that feels like a dedicated work space — even if it's just in a tiny studio. Here's how:

1. Carve out a clear-cut space
Corners generally work best when creating a work nook. Select a corner of your kitchen, living room or studio apartment that gets particularly good light and then tape the floor to demarcate exactly how large or small you want your "office" to be.

Be strict about containing your office furniture and any other related work materials to the space you've taped off, so as to have a clear work-only zone in your home. Just be sure to remove the tape once you've finished decorating.

2. Set a different tone
Does the rest of your home have a maximal look that's densely filled with decorative items from your past 10 years of travel? Then make your work space clean and minimal.

Is your apartment already sparse? Then buy a bold piece of artwork, create a mood board, or put together a small gallery of images to hang above your desk and define the look of the space, setting it apart from the rest of your home. Bottom line, you want to be able to sit down at your desk and feel like you're in a different zone — a productive one.

3. Keep the furniture lean
A simple tabletop with two legs will do. The bulkier the desk, the smaller it will make the rest of your kitchen or living room (or other multi-tasking space) feel.

So keep your desk compact and lean, with no more than two drawers. The downside is that you won't have much storage space for books, files and whatnot. The upside is that it will be a great test in how to stay organized.

4. Pick a few signature colours
This will give your nook its own look and character. Do this through an accent wall, wall decals or decorative accessories. Colours are an age-old mood booster.

That means a dedicated palette can help you feel like you're stepping into the office — and most importantly, leaving it behind — at the beginning and end of each day.

Surprise mom: Skip eggs for trendy bites

Cinnamon Sugar Croissants

This recipe makes 24 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter how much she would appreciate it, and no matter how much you love your mom — or the mother of your children — you aren't likely to make her croissants from scratch.

The trick is to outsource the pastry. While technically not the same as true croissant dough, sheets of frozen puff pastry can stand in just fine.

Keep the recipe simple by sprinkling the croissants with a blend of cinnamon sugar.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In bowl, mix the cinnamon and sugar. Set aside.

3. One at a time, unwrap and unfold the sheets of puff pastry. Use a paring knife to cut the sheet in half lengthwise. Starting in one corner, cut each half into 6 triangles. Use a rolling pin to lightly roll out each triangle to just barely flatten. Lightly brush the triangles with melted butter.

4. Sprinkle a bit of the cinnamon sugar over each triangle. One at a time, start with the wide end of each triangle and roll it into a log. Gently bend the ends so they curve inward to form a crescent.

5. Transfer to the prepared baking sheets. Repeat the rolling with the remaining triangles.

6. Brush the tops of each croissant with a bit more butter, then sprinkle a bit more cinnamon sugar over each. Bake for 20 minutes, or until puffed and lightly browned. Let cool for several minutes, then serve warm.

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Ingredients

Start to finish: 40 minutes

- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 17.3-ounce package frozen puff pastry, thawed (each package contains 2 pastry sheets)
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

Cookbook of the Week

The Mom 100 Cookbook

Thanks to The Mom 100 Cookbook by Katie Workman, founding editor of cookstr.com, the 20 most common cooking-for-kids dilemmas that every mom faces are now solved.

Workman covers it all, packing the book with recipes, tips, techniques and wisdom for staying happy in the kitchen while keeping it homemade.

Her solutions include: The English Muffin Pizza as a breakfast alternative, entrées to feed the overnight vegetarian convert, best-shot vegetable dishes and seafood mains that even the fish-phobic will gladly embrace. METRO

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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT GUIDE

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Get creative and head outside with mom this Mother's Day when you are thinking of gift ideas. You can green thumb it, take a hike or start walking or running with your mother. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

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Fresh ways to say 'I Love You'

Appreciation. Surprise mom with these ideas to celebrate the most important woman in our lives

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

While most moms would cheerfully accept a late sleep-in, a homemade breakfast in bed or a lovely mid-day brunch out as a token of appreciation for Mother's Day, maybe this year you can freshen up your ideas to surprise mom.

We asked Ann Douglas, author of The Mother of All books series and a mom to four children, for some thoughts on new ways to celebrate this important woman in our lives.

GREEN THUMB IT

Got a mom who loves to garden? Share her passion, suggests Douglas. "Plan to spend Mother's Day afternoon visiting a garden centre, picking out some plants, seeds, gardening tools, or books for a special garden you will plant together."

GET CREATIVE

Spend some quality time with mom by upcycling. "Turn an old sweater into a throw cushion or give an old dresser that's missing some drawers a makeover," says Douglas.

HEAD OUTSIDE

"Take a hike with mom," suggests Douglas. Be sure to snap some photos of the day and put some thought into how you will display those photos — think turning the pictures into fridge magnets or hanging them on a mini-clothesline.

START A SWAP

Expand mom's literary repertoire by organizing a book swap for her. "The moms might be too busy to pull this off on Mother's Day, so plan to do this in a few weeks' time. Ask your mom to select a half-dozen books she loved, but that she's unlikely to read again. Then ask her to invite a half-dozen friends — and tell her friends to do the same. Tell her you'll make dessert, coffee, and tea and serve her guests during her book swap."

GET CRAFTY

Start a Mother's Day scrapbook that you will add to every year, suggests Douglas. "Take photos and write stories about you and your mom and the adventures you've had this year."

START WALKING

Get your mother moving by teaming up for the Breast Cancer Society of Canada's annual walk (check out mothersdaywalk.ca for the locations near you). Or if your mom really wants to get going, sign up together for a running clinic or start a race training program.

Retailers such as The Running Room offer clinics for walkers and runners of all levels, as well as race training plans.

If mom isn't a runner or walker, opt for something else to get her out and about, such as a yoga or a dance class you can take together.

Splash of colour

Armani Jeans Linen Ruffle Dress, $260, available at Sporting Life, sportinglife.ca.

Clementine Satin Sheath Dress, $185, available at select Melanie Lyne stores, melanielyne.com.

LAUREN By Ralph Lauren Newbury Continental Wallet, $98, available at the Bay, thebay.com.

Sou' Wester, $82, choose from red, yellow or black, available at Tilley, tilley.com.

Mixed Print Crinkle Scarf, $30, available at select Melanie Lyne stores, melanielyne.com.

Strappy Wedge, $39.99, available at Winners, winners.ca.

Trench Coat, $35, available at Walmart, walmart.ca.

Seamaster Planet Ocean Co-Axial Watch, $5,900, available at omegawatches.com.

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For Metro

Some gorgeous makeup, skin care and bath and body gifts that are as special as mom is.

Shu Uemura's popular cleansing oils are dressed for spring in delightful designs by celebrated contemporary kimono artist mamechiyo. Shown: Fresh Pore Clarifying Gentle Cleansing Oil, which will leave mom's skin radiantly clean and soft. $79, Holt Renfrew.

One of the season's most covetable makeup collections is **Guerlain's Terra Azzurra by Emilio Pucci**, the second collaboration between the iconic brands. Select limited-edition items, such as a Kabuki-style brush and the Terra Azzura Bronzer & Blush, come with their own Pucci-print pouches. From $24. Guerlain boutiques and the Bay.

Beautiful packaging and delightful scents make **Lollia** lush bath and body treats as special as mom is. Breathe Shea Butter Handcreme, $26. Relax Sea Salt Sachet, $15. All at dealuxe.ca.

Sleek and chic, these refillable mini **Chanel Purse Sprays** come filled with Chance, Chance Eau Tendre or Chance Eau Fraîche for you to give mom with lots of love. Set of three, $84. Holt Renfrew.

Pamper mom with a luxurious body set that includes triple-milled soap, moisturizing bath-and-shower gel, silky lotion and comforting cream. **Crabtree & Evelyn** Lily Jewelry Box Gift, $95. see crabtree-evelyn.com for stores.

Nail polish has never been more popular — nor so luxurious and glossy as the new **YSL La Laque Couture** collection. The tricky part is choosing from the range of show-stopping shades. $27 each. The Bay and Murale.ca.

Anything **La Mer** equals decadence in beauty for celebrity moms like JLo and Madonna, too. The Brightening Essence Intense ($320) targets dark spots with powerful algae ferments and La Mer's famous Miracle Broth; the divine, Broth-rich Reparative Body Lotion ($165) also taps potent anti-aging peptides and extracts. Holt Renfrew.

Mom will love one or all of these lovely **Pangea Organics Body Oils**, especially if she has thirsty skin. Cold-pressed blends of essential oils, they are rich in vitamins and essential fatty acids, and wonderfully fragrant. $26 each. beautymark.ca.

It's the 20th anniversary of **Lalique de Lalique**, an ultra-feminine floral with a sensual finish. Special 100 ml Eau de Parfum and Eau de Toilette flacons include a gold-plated jasmine flower pendant necklace each; one in 20 has an amber-coloured Lalique crystal pendant instead. $135, Holt Renfrew.

Lancôme combines cutting-edge anti-aging technology with luxury and heritage in its new Absolue L'Extrait. The formula contains two million cell-regenerating stem cells from the Lancôme Rose (created in 1973), and is housed in an updated version of a 1936 Lancôme jar. It's coming in June; a note of intent will tide mom over. $350, lancôme.ca.

Bottom, from left, Crabtree & Evelyn Lily Jewelry Box Gift, Guerlain's Terra Azzurra by Emilio Pucci makeup, Lancôme Absolue L'Extrait, Pangea Organics Body Oils. Top, from left, La Mer Brightening Essence Intense and Broth-rich Reparative Body Lotion, Lalique de Lalique Eau de Parfum, YSL La Laque Couture collection, Shu Uemura Fresh Pore Clarifying Gentle Cleansing Oil.

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IIHF hockey

Getzlaf gets last laugh vs. Swiss

With the possibility of an upset hanging in the air in Helsinki, Canadian captain Ryan Getzlaf came through in the clutch Wednesday to score the winning goal in a 3-2 victory over Switzerland.

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Tennis

Raonic upset repelled by Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic pushed Roger Federer to the brink in the second round of the Madrid Open.

But the native of Thornhill, Ont., couldn't complete the upset as Federer survived two tiebreakers en route to a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) win on Wednesday.

Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

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NHL

Ownership change in St. Louis

The St. Louis Blues have a new owner. The NHL's board of governors unanimously approved the sale to a group led by Tom Stillman Wednesday. The price was not disclosed, but is believed to be about $130 million US.

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MLB

"If it's my call, I don't want to leave the game the way it happened."

Mariano Rivera. The Yankees closer has a blood clot in his right calf, the latest problem for the right-hander who tore ligaments in his knee last week. He is on blood-thinning medication and says he's OK.

Capitals refuse to bow out

The Capitals celebrate captain Alex Ovechkin's first-period goal against the Rangers on Wednesday night.

SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Ovechkin, Holtby lead way as Washington sends series to New York for Game 7

Alex Ovechkin rebounded from a rare zero-shot performance by scoring 88 seconds in on Wednesday night, Braden Holtby made 30 saves, and the Capitals recovered from a potentially devastating loss by beating the top-seeded New York Rangers 2-1 to force a Game 7 in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

Two nights after blowing a lead in the last 10 seconds of regulation and losing in overtime, the No. 7-seeded Capitals showed they were over it. Ovechkin's early power-play goal and Jason Chimera's second-period score were enough for Holtby.

The teams meet in New York on Saturday night to determine who will face the New Jersey Devils in the East finals.

With his mom covering her eyes in the stands, Holtby made only one error, and it came with 50.5 seconds left — a goal that was credited to Marian Gaborik and deflected off a skate and someone in a scrum in the crease. Forgive any Capitals fans for thinking, "Uh, oh. Here we go again." But Washington held on this time.

Ovechkin's reduced role became a major talking point throughout these playoffs: Usually a 20-minute-a-game guy, he played just 13-1/2 minutes in Game 2 against New York. He also came up quiet in Game 5 on Monday night, with no shots on goal, only the second time in 49 career playoff games that had happened to the man they call Alex the Great.

The Capitals, though, staved off elimination and are proving to be quite adept at bouncing back. They're 4-0 in games immediately after overtime losses in these playoffs and haven't lost consecutive games since March 22 to 23.

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Game 6

2	1
Capitals	Rangers

By the numbers

6-0

Capitals goalie Braden Holtby is 6-0 after any defeat this post-season, his first in the NHL.

Revamped Flyers get same results

Somewhere in Los Angeles, Mike Richards and Jeff Carter had to be sharing a chuckle.

And in Phoenix, the Coyotes unleashed a big exhale for more reasons than having new ownership.

Eleven months after the Philadelphia Flyers decided their once-future cornerstones were worth dumping, Richards and Carter are thriving with the Kings along an improbable route to the Western Conference finals. The Coyotes, meanwhile, have no second thoughts about trading goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov and adding Mike Smith, because they'll be playing the Kings for the right to reach the Stanley Cup finals.

And the Flyers will be watching from home. Again.

A long wait

- The Flyers haven't won a Stanley Cup since consecutive titles in 1974 and 1975.
- After a surprising run to the cup finals in 2010, coach Peter Laviolette has only led them as far as two straight trips to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

General manager Paul Holmgren's gamble last summer to reshape the franchise yielded mixed results. The Flyers won 47 games, totalled 103 points, finished fifth in the East and had a playoff win over Pittsburgh.

But the run lasted only five more games. Bryzgalov allowed one of the all-time bloopers of a goal and the Flyers offence ran out of fuel in a 3-1 loss Tuesday that left them without a championship banner again.

It's impossible to know how the Flyers would have fared had they kept Carter and Richards. Even if the Kings win the cup, the Flyers still believe in the potential of forwards Jakub Voracek, Brayden Schenn, Wayne Simmonds and Sean Couturier — the total haul in the two deals for Carter and Richards.

But either way, it's back to the drawing board again.

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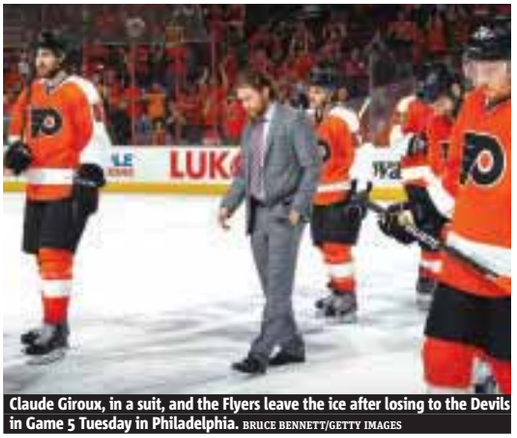

Claude Giroux, in a suit, and the Flyers leave the ice after losing to the Devils in Game 5 Tuesday in Philadelphia. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

UFC

"I'm excited to be able to conquer the hearts of the Canadian fans. There is another fighter here named Georges (St-Pierre) who was able to do that. I'd like to be able to do the same."

Featherweight champion Jose Aldo, promoting his UFC 149 fight against challenger Erik Koch in Calgary on Wednesday. The July 21 bout at Scotiabank Saddledome is Aldo's second title defence in Canada. The 25-year-old from Rio de Janeiro defeated Mark Hominick last year in Toronto and is on a 14-fight winning streak. It's the first-ever UFC card in Alberta and one of three UFC events scheduled in Canada in 2012 with dates in Toronto and Montreal later this year.

On the web

Jonathan Quick continues to defy expectations for the L.A. Kings, compiling a 1.55 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage with just one loss through two rounds of the playoffs. His hard-working style will be front-and-centre in the Kings' upcoming clash with the Phoenix Coyotes in the Western Conference final. Scan the code for the story.

Crossword

Across

1 Tea variety
6 Wahines' greetings
12 Tire type
13 Rest
14 "2001: A Space Odyssey" writer
15 Forgoes restaurants
16 Bullets
17 Burn some
19 Youngster
20 Presidential power
22 Dundee denial
24 Egos' counterparts
27 007 villain
29 Despondent
32 Signs of wonder
35 Unaccompanied
36 Great Lakes tribe
37 "Of course"
38 Pole employee
40 Verve
42 Exemplar of easiness
44 Sci-fi knights
46 Open a bit
50 Proportions
52 Character
54 Hymn renderers
55 Walking on air
56 Pace
57 Angers

Down

1 Tropical tree
2 Cheese choice
3 Russian ballet company
4 Squirrel's hangout
5 Shockingly exciting
6 Neighborhood
7 Memorize
8 Make up your mind
9 Inn
10 One side of the Urals
11 Fax
12 GE merger co.
18 Esteemed
21 NYC summer hrs.
23 Attorneys' org.
24 Smart figures?
25 Twosome
26 TV channel knob, e.g.
28 Youngman joke
30 Guitar's kin
31 Double curve
33 Costa del —
34 Culpa preceder
39 Norwegian inlet
41 Birth-related
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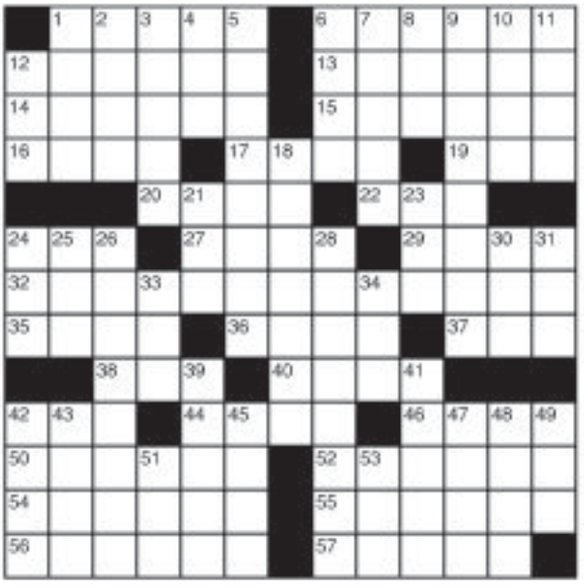
53 "When We Were Kings" subject



Sudoku

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9								1
		5	3		8	7		
	6						1	
		8				5		
4		1	5		6	8		2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	6	3	4	7	5	2	9
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9	6	7	5	1	3	2	4	8
1	7	4	6	3	9	8	5	2
5	3	8	2	7	1	4	9	6
6	9	2	8	5	4	1	3	7

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

SGOTZNG EG OLYKUYZTHHF GFGSTHHN XGLXHG BZIGHF, EG ETN GTBYGI KEG YUODYTWG "NKTBG WTNKGB."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A GUY'S WALKING CANE IS TOO SMALL FOR HIM TO USE PROPERLY, I RECKON HE'S UNDERSTAFFED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals H

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. A friend appears to have turned against you. Don't get too worked up because most likely it is a simple misunderstanding.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Things you were unable to say in the past won't be so hard to say now that Mercury, planet of communication, has joined the Sun in your sign.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't let someone talk you into getting involved with something you don't feel entirely happy about.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You need to get back to basics and work out why a project of some sort has failed to get off the ground.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Cosmic activity at the mid-heaven angle of your chart urges you to be ambitious but it also warns you don't have to be too aggressive.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and it will climb even higher. Keep making the most of it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Try not to pay attention to what critics say today because they are desperate to undermine your confidence.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A loved one will say something nice today and whatever differences there may have been between you in recent weeks will be forgotten.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Jupiter in the work area of your chart suggests you have taken on too many responsibilities.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. This is one of the best times of the year for you, a time when you can make anything happen.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. It seems you are out of step with those around you. The herd is for losers, and you're a winner.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Someone you meet on your travels today will tell you something worth knowing that'll make you smile. Pass it on and make others happy too.

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